

the at least one of nucleotide analogs using an RNA as a template; and

(b) amplifying a desired DNA from the cDNA obtained in the above step (a), in the presence of two or more kinds of nucleotide analogs, wherein at least one nucleotide analog is incorporated in the amplifying step in place of dGTP or dCTP and at least one nucleotide analog is incorporated in the amplifying step in place of dATP or dTTP, wherein the nucleotide analogs are uniformly incorporated into the resulting DNA and do not cause termination of the amplification, thereby selectively amplifying DNA of a target sequence derived from RNA.

23. (Amended) A method for amplifying a DNA, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a template DNA comprising a nucleotide analog; and

(b) amplifying a desired DNA from the template DNA of step (a) in the presence of the following substances (i) to (iii):

(i) at least one nucleotide analog to be incorporated in the amplifying step in place of dGTP or dCTP,

(ii) at least one nucleotide analog to be incorporated in the amplifying step in place of dATP or dTTP, and

(iii) a compound for lowering the Tm value of a double-stranded nucleic acid,
wherein the nucleotide analogs (i) and (ii) are uniformly incorporated into the resulting DNA and do not cause termination of the amplification.

27. (Amended) A method for amplifying a DNA comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing a cDNA by a reverse transcription reaction in the presence of at least one nucleotide analog using RNA as a template; and

(b) amplifying a desired DNA from the cDNA of the above step (a) in the presence of the following substances (i) to (iii):

(i) at least one nucleotide analog to be incorporated in the amplifying step in place of dGTP or dCTP,

(ii) at least one nucleotide analog to be incorporated in the amplifying step in place of dATP or dTTP, and

(iii) a compound for lowering the Tm value of a double-stranded nucleic acid, wherein the nucleotide analogs (i) and (ii) are uniformly incorporated into the resulting DNA and do not cause termination of the amplification,

thereby selectively amplifying DNA of a target sequence derived
from RNA.

31. (Amended) A kit for amplifying a DNA in the presence
of a nucleotide analog by the use of a DNA fragment comprising
at least one nucleotide analog as a template, comprising two or
more nucleotide analogs, wherein the two or more nucleotide
analogs are:

(i) at least one nucleotide analog to be incorporated in place
of dGTP or dCTP, and
(ii) at least one nucleotide analog to be incorporated in place
of dATP or dTTP, and

wherein the nucleotide analogs do not cause termination of
the DNA amplification.

34. (Amended) A kit for amplifying a DNA in the presence
of at least one nucleotide analog by the use of a template DNA
fragment comprising nucleotide analogs, comprising two or more
nucleotide analogs and a compound for lowering the T_m value of a
double-stranded nucleic acid,

wherein the two or more nucleotide analogs are:

(i) at least one nucleotide analog to be incorporated in place of dGTP or dCTP, and

(ii) at least one nucleotide analog to be incorporated in place of dATP or dTTP, and

wherein the nucleotide analogs do not cause termination of the DNA amplification.

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Please add the following claims:

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-40. The kit according to claim 31, further comprising a thermostable DNA polymerase.--

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--41. The kit according to claim 34, further comprising a thermostable DNA polymerase. -

Attached hereto is a marked up version showing the changes made to the application by this Amendment.